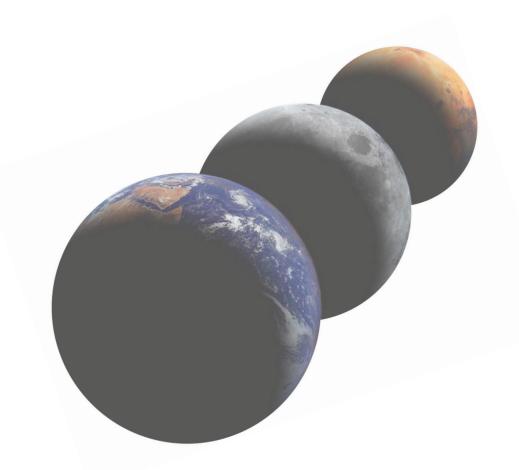


Science Exploration and Education Center (SEEC)

Goddard Space Flight Center





It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.

- Dr. Robert H. Goddard

Mission

We inspire, engage and educate people, leveraging NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's endeavors in Earth and Space exploration

We do this by:

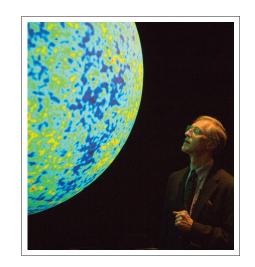
- Offering dynamic, interactive and standards-aligned education programs and experiences to students and educators
- Providing a unique venue and a virtual presence to attract and engage people from around the globe in lifelong learning
- Connecting the public with NASA Goddard's experts and their work in innovation, exploration and discovery

Objectives

- Inspire, engage and educate the next generation of scientists, engineers and technologists
- Provide compelling experiences to all to increase understanding of our home planet and our place in the Universe
- Create a destination of choice that effectively showcases NASA and Goddard's current work















Attributes

SEEC will be a destination of choice in the Mid-Atlantic region showcasing NASA Goddard's work. Locating the SEEC at Goddard creates the ability for visitors to connect with Goddard's world-class people and facilities. The location also provides easy public access via the intersection of two major highways. SEEC will capitalize on the tourism of the national capital region.

SEEC will be a state-of-the-art venue attracting 500,000 students, educators and visitors per year. SEEC is envisioned to build and sustain a global network of collaborations of scientists, engineers, technologists, educators and the public. Dynamic programs, exhibits and interactive experiences will allow all to participate in Goddard's unique work in action. Students and visitors will experience the process of designing, building, testing and launching spaceflight missions. They will also access and use real-time data from more than 40 current operational missions. SEEC will be a non-traditional education center, providing the beyond-the-historical perspective to show what is current at NASA and Goddard.

Private enterprise with strong ties to NASA will create a self-sustaining institution without the need for public funding. This will be accomplished by creating a truly unique venue in the national capital region.

Functions

Unique programs and experiential learning will be a hallmark of SEEC. SEEC will provide immersive and interactive experiences and have permanent, temporary and traveling exhibits. Tours of Goddard's facilities will expose visitors to current work on exciting flight missions. A next generation planetarium and theatre will educate and entertain. SEEC will have conferencing and event facilities, an exceptional gift shop and a theme based food court.

In educating the next generation of scientists, engineers and technologists through direct interactions with Goddard's experts and work, SEEC will provide a phased cycle of learning experiences aligned with national education standards. SEEC will offer summer camps and programs, speaker series, phased interactive projects, as well as special events. Teachers will have access to educator resources, workshops and training. In order to engage and educate people from around the globe, SEEC will sustain a state-of-the-art virtual presence.

What's Next

Goddard is seeking champions passionate about NASA's science and technology, who will bring their expertise, guidance and networking to a steering group which will provide leadership to bring the vision to reality.

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